from the exchange. Payments have been received for installation of 977 connections. These could not be installed so far as the subscribers are still in the process of constructing their sheds and godowns.

The Maharahtra Government is pressing the prospective merchants to shift to New Bombay and have prohibited iron and steel entering Bombay from 1-1-1987. It is now expected that they will be shfting shortly and the capacity of the exchange will be utilised.

3,000 lines containerised electronic exchange at Thurbe.

The exchange supply was completed in October, 1986 after which the installation has been taken up. Originally, this exchange was allotted for Belapur. Considering the demands both of Vashi and Belapur, it was decided that the exchange be installed at Thurbe which is mid-way between Belapur and Vashi to cater to the demands of Vashi Belapur and Thurbe.

The exchange is in the final stage of installation and is expected to be commissioned in March, 1987. The project cost of the exchange is Rs. 3,79,86,000/-. It is expected that the capacity of the exchange will be fully utilised within a short time of its commissioning, as there is adequate waiting list to fill up this exchange.

**Teacher's Strike in Delhi Schools**

*117. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several teachers of the Government and Government aided schools in Delhi have been on strike;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the time since they are agitating; and

(d) what steps have been taken to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The teachers working in the schools run by Delhi Administration and Municipal Corporation of Delhi have been agitating since 13-2-1987 for restoration of Selection Grade and for grant of higher pay scales based on the recommendations of National. Commission on Teachers-I. The Government is considering further improvements in emoluments to teachers and a decision in this matter is expected shortly.

**Adulteration of food stuffs and edible oils**

*118. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an alarming rise in the adulteration of foodstuffs and edible oils posing serious health hazards to the consumers;

(b) if so, what, according to the study, if any, conducted by Government are the major items of foodstuffs and essential commodities which are commonly adulterated by the traders/manufacturers;

(c) what is the number of samples of foodstuffs and other essential commodities collected during the year 1986 in various parts of the country and what percentage of the samples collected were found to be adulterated; and

(d) what according to the review are the deficiences in the working of the law enforcing machinery and